

RESOURCE SECTION: CANADA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM

1880: French lyrics written by Adolphe-Basile Routhier; music composed by Calixa Lavallée

1908: Official English edition written by Robert Stanley Weir

1968: English edition altered slightly; French edition apparently never changed

1980: "O Canada!" became our official national anthem

English:

"O Canada!"

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From East to Western sea!
Thou land of hope for all who toil!
Thou True North strong and free!

O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise;
To keep thee steadfast through the years
From East to Western sea,
Our own beloved native land,
Our True North strong and free.

Chorus: God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.

French:

"O Canada!"

O Canada! Terre de nos aîeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.

Chorus: Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.